--- 2/17th Pound - “Series of 1942” - 152 x 15 mm. ---

There was no 2/17th strip in the wartime *4¢ - EXCISE / TAX* surcharged “*Series of 1942*”, however 2/17th pound strip exists *without this surcharge* as the *post-war* imperforate **RP-1783**, and as the *fine roulette* as **RP-1784**.

As usual, the *initial printing* of the 2/17th pound “Series of 1942” used *fine roulette* separation. The illustrated strip does not exhibit a company code, but uses the “Imperial Tobacco” date coding **CAD** from an undetermined factory. This coding was unusual, since the main plant had switched to **DAD** for December 1948, after suffering through **BAD** in November 1948. Probably the strip came with an imported item. The later strips are possibly obsolete remnants sold to philatelists by “Customs and Excise”, Ottawa.

★**RP-1784** - 2/17th pound, *fine roulette*, control **0008256**
Roller cancelled **CAD** for “Imperial Tobacco” in December 1948

0008256★	12/48	RP-1784	2/17th pound, fine roulette, rollered **CAD**

The following fine roulette strips seem to be unused remainders.

0171482-83★	RP-1784	2/17th pound, fine roulette, a pair
0171486	RP-1784	2/17th pound, fine roulette, appears unused
0171498	RP-1784	2/17th pound, fine roulette, appears unused
0171505	RP-1784	2/17th pound, fine roulette, appears unused
0171506★	RP-1784	2/17th pound, fine roulette, appears unused

The date coding on the following imperforate **RP-1783** follows the “Imperial Tobacco” weekly numerical coding, starting at **124** around June 1951, and running until **383**, at which point they switched to their two digit coding. The three-digit dating is somewhat *iffy* but is fairly close to correct.

★**RP-1783** - 2/17th pound, imperforate, control **5249820**
Coded **BDB / 1-13D** by “B. Houde & Grothe” in May 1951

5249820★	05/51	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / BDB**
7315228	06/51	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / CDB**
A8488200	10/51	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, mimeographed 6 . . 13D / 1510
C0340057	04/52	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 216**
C6591830★	07/52	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, mimeographed 2507
C7756980		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate
C9289289	09/52	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 234**
D1597235	12/52	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 241**
E0807467	06/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 253**
E2048777	07/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 254**

★**RP-1783** - 2/17th pound, imperforate, control **E5916288**
Mimeographed **Z V X** by "Rock City Tobacco" in January 1953

E5916288★	01/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **Z V X** by Rock City / Carreras

These early "Rock City / Carreras" cancels use a backward counting date code system starting at **Z** which was **1**, and running to **O** which was **12** - reading as below, and thus **Z V X** reads as **1 5 3** - or January 1953

O = 12 P = 11 Q = 10 R = 9 S = 8 T = 7 U = 6 V = 5 W = 4 X = 3 Y = 2 Z = 1

E8415216	10/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 261**
E8415269	10/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 261**
E8432626	10/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 261**
F1196719	11/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 262**
F1822926	11/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 263**
F1858134	12/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 264**
F1858140	11/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 263**
F2645805	12/53	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 264**
F4309366	01/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 266**
F5248707	01/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 267**
F7070202	02/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 268**
F7070249	02/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 268**
F7759362	03/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 270**
G3147455	04/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 275**
G7160823	07/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 284**
G8362041	06/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 280**
G8669627	06/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 280**
G8689238	06/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 280**
G9886057	06/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 281**
H0224409	06/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 283**
H0465396	06/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 283**
H2595463	07/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 285**
H3139541	07/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 286**
H3326739	07/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 287**
H4011179	08/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 288**
H4095639	08/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 288**
H4180379	08/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 289**
H6129044	04/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, mimeographed 101 by Rock City
H7351169	08/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 291**
H8193780	09/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 292**
H8393263	09/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 293**
J0789202	09/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 294**
J1161904	09/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 295**
J3404706	10/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 296**
J3802891	10/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 298**
J4580211	10/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, mimeographed 113 by Rock City
J7430200	11/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 301**
J8668404	11/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 302**
J6484299	12/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, mimeographed 118 by Rock City
K2052827	12/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 305**
K2203515	12/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 305**
K2632149	12/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 306**
K2910248	12/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 307**
K3004428	12/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 307**

K3004429★	12/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 307**
K3004430	12/54	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 307**
K3508336	01/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 309**
K5670064	01/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 310**
K5670067	01/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 310**
K8811127	02/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 313**
L1054314	02/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 315**
L1340958	02/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 315**
L1450136	03/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 316**
L2848891	03/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 318**
L3366185	03/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 319**
L6259180	04/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 321**
L7229653		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, seems unused
L8654339	04/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 323**
L8779651	05/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 324**
M1758012	06/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 330**
M1811715	06/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 331**
M2273805	05/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 327**
M4210505	06/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 330**
M4717250	07/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 332**
M4827529	07/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 332**
M5255898		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, seems unused
M8487846	08/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 336**
M8967951	08/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 337**
M8967954	08/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 337**
M8970568	08/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 337**
N1755997	09/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 340**
N2014395	09/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 341**
N2796851	10/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 342**
N2796857	10/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 342**
N2969044	10/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 343**
N3206021	10/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 343**
N3260589	10/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 343**
N4254849	10/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 344**
N4516209	10/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 345**
N5138973★		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate
N5876030	10/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 345**
N7121508	11/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 347**
N7228603	11/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 347**
N7415727	11/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 348**
N7583259	11/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 348**
N7594062	11/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 348**
N7604725	11/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 348**
N7748624	11/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 349**
N7992723	12/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 350**
N9321821	12/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 350**
P0469493	12/55	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 353**
P0680968	02/58	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, mimeographed 192 by Rock City
P1179213	01/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 357**
P5179213	01/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 357**
P5190644	01/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 357**
P6856433	02/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 359**
P7963834	02/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 360**
P8173821	02/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 360**
P8750853	03/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 362**
P9182410	03/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 363**
P9182412	03/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 363**
Q0135234	03/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 363**
Q5674899	05/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 371**
Q9671444	07/56	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate
R7142485		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, Rock City's three vertical red lines
R9573685		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, Rock City's three vertical red lines

--- A second run through the control sequence has begun ---

★**RP-1783** - 2/17th pound, imperforate, control **3801898**
Roller cancelled **1-23D / 24** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in May 1958

1950467	04/57	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 22**
2630967★		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, with three sets of vertical red lines, by Rock City
3225711		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate
3801898★	06/57	RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 24**
4613493★		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate
6214547		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate
7504631		RP-1783	2/17th pound, imperforate

--- The 6 mm. BABN *end-of-run* dark blue Gothic 2/17 overprint of RP-1785 - from 1958 ---

In 1958, preparing to issue the new Type II "Coat-of-Arms", BABN overprinted their remaining imperforate sheets of the 1/8th pound **RP-1785** in dark blue ink (with a 6 mm. central Gothic **2/17**, plus three 13 x 1½ mm. horizontally stacked *killer bars* at the ends) for use at 2/17th pounds as **RP-1793**. The control numbers match the 1/8th pound sequence, as the strips had already been control numbered.

★**RP-1793** - **2/17** on 1/8th pounds, imperforate, control **H6926605**

G0921758	01/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 31**
G2566737	01/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 31**
H2729353	05/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 35**
H3665849	03/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 33**
H3670601	03/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 33**
H3696388★	03/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate
H3747053		RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate
H3805002		RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate - Rock City's three vertical red lines
H3924422	03/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 33**
H4072584	05/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 35**
H5866954	06/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 36**
H5948925	06/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23D / 36**
H6365849	03/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 33**
H6670601	03/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 33**
H6926605★		RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate
H6670601	03/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 33**
H7542419	03/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 33**
H8376563		RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate
H8924422	03/58	RP-1793	**2/17** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-13D / 33**

--- RP-1815 - Type II "Coat-of-Arms" - *imperforate* - *hollow red* denominations - 1960-61 ---

It appears that there is a large gap in the control numbering at this point. I have not recorded any 2/17th pound usage since March 1958 - so there is a hiatus of 2½ years, and about 70,000,000 missing numbers in the control sequence.

★**RP-1815** - 2/17th pound, imperforate, control **N8977733**

H0980389	10/60	RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, hollow red, coded **1-23D / 64**
H2510816	11/60	RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, hollow red, coded **1-23D / 65**
H7185390	09/61	RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, hollow red, coded **1-23D / 75**
L2921264	10/61	RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, hollow red, coded **1-23D / 76**
N8977733★		RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, seems unused
P1141459	08/61	RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, coded 081 by "Rock City"

Early in 1965, requiring additional 1/9th pound strips, BABN pulled a batch of **RP-1815** and overprinted them with a 6 mm. central Roman **1/9**, and three 13 x 1½ mm. horizontally stacked *killer bars* at the ends, as **RP-1821**. The control numbers come from the 2/17th pound sequence, having been pre-printed on the 2/17th pound Type II strip.

★**RP-1821** - **1/9** on 2/17th pound, imperforate, control **P9028811**,
Type II "Coat-of-Arms", with ***hollow red*** denominations

P1925525	01/65	RP-1821	**1/9** on 2/17th pound, hollow red denominations, coded **1-23D / 27**
P2109934	01/65	RP-1821	**1/9** on 2/17th pound, hollow red denominations, coded **1-23D / 27**
P2275601		RP-1821	**1/9** on 2/17th pound, hollow red denominations
P2985837	02/65	RP-1821	**1/9** on 2/17th pound, hollow red denominations, coded **1-23D / 28**
P3415409	02/65	RP-1821	**1/9** on 2/17th pound, hollow red denominations, coded **1-23D / 28**
P8032638	03/65	RP-1821	**1/9** on 2/17th pound, hollow red denominations, coded **1-23D / 29**
P8488200	03/65	RP-1821	**1/9** on 2/17th pound, hollow red denominations, coded **1-23D / 29**
P8807869	03/65	RP-1821	**1/9** on 2/17th pound, hollow red denominations, coded **1-23D / 29**
P9028811★		RP-1821	**1/9** on 2/17th pound, hollow red denominations

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Meanwhile, as the preceding overprint was being prepared, "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, used the following copies of the imperforate 2/17th pound **RP-1815**. Thus it seems that BABN had held the above **1/9** on 2/17th pound overprint for about a year prior to its shipment to Granby.

P9569386		RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, hollow red
R5344604	10/63	RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, hollow red, coded **1-23D / 11**
R6709414	12/63	RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, hollow red, coded **1-23D / 14**
R8502388	04/64	RP-1815	2/17th pound, imperforate, Type II Coat-of-Arms, hollow red, coded **1-23D / 18**

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